

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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JOB LOSSES IN VARIOUS SECTORS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Department of Commerce (DoC) in consultation with the Ministry of Labour and Employment has sought to examine the ground situation on job losses in various sectors including textile sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b): A sample survey conducted by Department of Commerce (DOC) during (August, '08 till April '09) for 648 exporting units located across the country revealed a job loss (both direct and indirect) to the extent of 1,34,593 persons. Sample survey conducted by Ministry of Labour and Employment covering 2581 units in 20 centres across 11 States/UT relating to important sectors like mining, textiles, metals, gems & jewellery, automobile, transport and IT/BPO, revealed job loss of about half a million workers during the quarter October, '08 – December, '08. The major impact of the slowdown was observed in the export oriented units. Overall decline in employment was observed in gems & jewellery, transport and automobiles by 8.58%, 4.03% and 2.42% respectively.

In a similar survey conducted by Ministry of Labour and Employment covering 3192 units in 21 centres across 11 States/UT relating to sectors like textiles and apparel, handloom/powerloom, leather, metals, gems and jewellery, automobile, transport and IT/BPO, it was observed that the employment in selected sectors had increased by a quarter million during the January-March, 2009 period. The sectors registering increase in employment during January-March, 2009 period are gems & jewellery (3.08%), textiles (0.96%), IT-BPO (0.82%), handloom/powerloom (0.28%) and automobiles (0.10%). However, decline in employment during January-March, 2009 has been observed in leather (2.76%), metals (0.56%) and transport (0.35%).

The action taken by the Government to mitigate the adverse impact of economic slowdown includes measures announced by the Government in the stimulus packages and in the Budget 2009-10; measures announced by the Reserve Bank of India; implementation of the 'Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana' wherein the insured worker and his family are entitled to about 50% of wages upto a period of one year and medical benefits in the case of loss of job; schemes such as Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, Aam Admi Bima Yojana, and Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme; skill upgradation/ training programmes; National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.